



Equity in State Contracting

The Governor's Office of Equal Opportunity has existed since 1975 to provide a compliance monitoring function of Arizona state agencies. The Office monitors agency compliance with the Arizona Civil Rights Act of 1974 and the U. S. Civil Rights Act of 1964. The current Executive Order that created this office is number 93-20.

A portion of activity of this office is dedicated to promoting the development of equal opportunity practices in the creation of small business in Arizona. Our office has been involved under Executive Order 2004-06, in "*Establishing the Governor's Equity in State Contracting Executive Oversight Review Team and the Governor's Equity in State Contracting Community Consultants Group.*"

This Executive Order was created "to consider procurement and purchasing recommendations designed to improve opportunities and participation in state contracting by small, women- and minority-owned businesses."

The *Executive Oversight Review Team* was charged with efforts to "assess the viability of recommendation from the *Community Consultants Group* and where appropriate, authorize the implementation of their recommendations; produce an overall plan for enhanced small, women- and minority-owned business contracting opportunities with the State of Arizona; approve recommendations within State agencies to implement the plan; monitor, review, and evaluate recommendations of intra- and inter-agency focus groups and of the *Community Consultants Group*; and identify and address any relevant impediments that small, women- and minority-owned businesses face in accessing procurement and purchasing opportunities with the State of Arizona."

The Governor's Office of Equal Opportunity continues to participate with promotional activity of Arizona minority Chambers of Commerce, as well as the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program of the Arizona Department of Transportation. Continuing responsibility to implement this effort is focused on the Arizona Department of Administration and its State Procurement Office.

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